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Title: Need to provide commercial stoppages of train no. 12891/12892 at railway stations between Baripada and Bangriposi in Odisha.

SHRI LAXMAN TUDU (MAYURBHANJ): The train no. 12891/12892 has been extended from Baripada to Bangriposi with effect from 06-4-2012. But I am to state that even after this train has been extended to Bangriposi, which is 38 kms. away from Baripada, no commercial stoppages have been provided at the intermediate stations between Baripada and Bangriposi. These stations are Bhanjpur, Kuchei, Burmara and Rajaluka. This has resulted in undue hardships to the poor and backward tribal people of my parliamentary constituency. In this respect, I had also written to the Hon'ble Minister of Railways long back in March 2012 demanding commercial stoppages of this train at above intermediate stations. But no action has been taken on this till now except forwarding my letter to the Railways Board. Moreover, upon contacting the Railway Board about the status of my letter and my demand, surprisingly, I got a very strange reply from the Railway Board that it is not commercially viable to provide additional commercial stoppage of this train at above intermediate stations as it is a super fast train. Therefore, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister of Railways, through you, to kindly take necessary steps immediately to provide additional commercial stoppage of Train no. 12891/12892 without any further delay. At the same, I would also like to request the Hon'ble Minister of Railways to augment the above train by one A/C Chair car, one reserved second class chair car and three unreserved second class chair car coaches at an early date as the number of coaches in the above train at present is not sufficient to cater to the huge number of passengers travelling by this train daily. Similarly, I would like to request the Hon'ble Minister of Railways, to increase the frequency of this train from 6 days a week to daily keeping in view the increasing demand of the passengers and the higher revenue earnings and occupancy rate of this train.